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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

ATMOSPHERICS: AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT REOPENED AFTER LONG SUMMER (SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE) RECESS FOR A BRIEF SESSION ONLY TO CLOSE AGAIN IN TWO WEEKS IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE QUEEN TO FORMALLY OPEN PARLIAMENT IN CONNECTION WITH HER SILVER JUBILEE VISIT. MEDIA CONTINUE TO GIVE GOOD COVERAGE TO US AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY SEC. VANCE'S TRIP TO MIDEAST. WASHPOST STORY ON ALLEDGED DEFECTIVE HELICOPTER PARTS EARNED TYPICAL ONE-DAY AUSTRALIAN COVERAGE, THEN DROPPED FROM SIGHT. AMBASSADOR HARGROVE'S VALIDEATORY SPEECH TO CANBERRA PRESS CLUB SPARKED WIDESPREAD COMMENT IN THE MEDIA AND ELSEWHERE-- THE VAST MAJORITY HIGHLY LAUDATORY. MOST REPORTS FOCUSED ON THE NEED FOR IMPROVED "INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS", ALTHOUGH THE FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS GOT GOOD TREATMENT AS WELL.

PERSONNEL: AREA PERSONNEL OFFICER, JIM POLLOCK, IN TOWN (SYDNEY, CANBERRA, MELBOURNE) THIS WEEK. NO MAJOR UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED.

JOT ALICE LE MAISTRE, COMPLETED HER CANBERRA INTERNSHIP AND MOVED ON TO A PERMANENT OCAO POSTING IN MELBOURNE; NEW JOT BILL SHINE, ARRIVED IN CANBERRA FEBRUARY 12.

AGENCY EXHIBITS OFFICER JOHN VORHES TOUCHED DOWN IN SYDNEY

ENROUTE PAPUA NEW GUINEA; RETURNS SYDNEY SUNDAY TO DISCUSS
THE GREAT PLAINS EXHIBIT SETUP WITH EXHIBITIONS DIRECTOR
SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE; THEN TO MELBOURNE TO SET UP FOR THE
GRAND OPENING THERE MARCH

4. NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF THE KIND THAT OFTEN ACCOMPANY
MAJOR EXHIBITIONS. EVERYTHING THAT SHOULD BE HERE IS HERE.
MELBURNE PRE-PUBLICITY EXCELLENT. AMBASSADOR WILL DO
THE HONORS AT FORMAL OPENING.

USIS CANBERRA VTR "SANDWICH SEMINARS". BRING-YOUR-OWN
SANDWICHES, AUSTRALIAN WINE AND USIS VTRS FORM THE BACKBONE
OF AN EVERY WEDNESDAY AT NOON CULTURAL GET TOGETHER AT USIS
OF ACADEMICS AND PEOPLE IN THE ARTS. FIRST SERIES COVERED
ASPECTS OF MUSIC, DANCE, THEATER ETC. THIS WEEK BEGAN A NEW
SERIES, USING THE ALISTAIR COOKE "AMERICA PROGRAMS. PRO-
FESSOR JOHN THOMPSON OF DUNTROON (U HISTORIAN) ASSISTED
IN THE DISCUSSION.

ADDITIONAL VTR PROGRAMMING INCLUDED MEETING WITH JOURNALISTS
IN PERTH USING THREE AGENCY VTRS ON THE SUBJECT, AND A USIS
VTR PROGRAM ON COMPUTERS FOR THE MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
STAFF OF CSIRO (COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL
RESEARCH ORGN.) OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

AT ALL USIS AUSTRALIA POSTS THERE IS A NEVER ENDING APPETITE
FOR SHOWINGS OF VTRS ON PRESIDENT CARTER, THE INAUGURAL,
ETC. AUSTRALIANS WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE MAN THEY READ SO MUCH
ABOUT IS REALLY LIKE IN PERSON. MOUNT
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